

Testimony from Rep. Phillip Pavlov, 81st District State Representative



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Testimony before the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday, May 4, 2005 House Bill 4702

Chairman VanRegenmorter & Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to introduce House Bill 4702 which adds in the term "video game" to the definition of "sexually explicit." This legislation is a companion bill to Senate Bill 416, sponsored by Senator Cropsey, which deals with the violent component of video games.

Whether you are a parent or not, the welfare and well-being of our children is very important. It is our responsibility to protect our children and teach them right from wrong. With the surge of video games on the rise, it can become quite difficult to know what our children are doing. A vast majority of the video games targeting our children today are too violent and sexually explicit. That is why legislation is needed to regulate what our children can get a hold of. House Bill 4702 will prohibit the distribution of "sexually explicit" video games to minors age 17 and under.

For the committee members, I have attached a copy of House Bill 4702, an article from MSNBC.com and a letter of support from Citizens for Traditional Values.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to introduce House Bill 4702 and I look forward to answering any question and/or addressing any concerns you may have.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Pavlov".

Phillip Pavlov
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